

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) Method for mechanical joining of stacked plate-shaped objects comprising punch riveting with a semitubular rivet using tools situated above and below the objects whereby the semitubular rivet penetrates linearly into the objects, wherein during axial feeding movement of the semitubular rivet the upper tool and/or a portion of the lower tool are given a wobbling additional movement in radial and/or tangential direction.

2. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1 wherein the rivet has a head having a convex elevation and a shank having an inner contour and an outer contour which are shaped with a continuous increase of the cross-sectional area of the shank from a foot of the rivet to a head of the rivet.

3. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the wobbling additional movement comprises synchronized, simultaneous wobbling additional movement of the upper tool and a portion of the lower tool.

4. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the wobbling additional movement is carried out with a wobbling angle of from 1° to 10°.

5-10.(Cancelled)